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SUBJECT: SWEDEN RECOGNIZES NORTH KOREA TODAY

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1. ORN (CHIEF OF MFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SECTION) TOLD ME LAST NIGHT THAT KING- IN- COUNCIL - THAT IS, CABINET MEETING IN PLENARY SESSION - WILL MAKE FORMAL DECISION TODAY TO RECOGNIZE DPRK. FOREIGN MINISTER WICKMAN WILL BE DIRECTED TO SEND TELEGRAM TO PYONGYANG ANNOUNCING GOS DECISION. BY PRE-ARRANGEMENT DPRK GOVERNMENT WILL REPLY IN SAME VEIN.

2. ORN SAID THERE WERE NO PRESENT PLANS TO OPEN A SWEDISH MISSION IN PYONGYANG. HE THOUGHT SWEDISH AMBASSADOR IN PEKING WILL PRESENT CREDENTIALS AS AMBASSADOR TO NORTH KOREA " SOME WEEKS FROM NOW."

3. ORN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT FINNISH GOVERNMENT WILL ACT TO RECOGNIZE BOTH KOREAS " ABOUT THE SAME TIME" - THAT IS, TODAY.
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HE SAID OTHER NORDIC COUNTRIES WOULD FOLLOW BEHINE BUT DID NOT VENTURE TO STATE A TIME SCHEDULE.

4. ORN SAID THE NEXT CONTROVERSIAL CHAPTER IN THE KOREA RECOGNITION STORY IS LIKELY TO BE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION MEETING (IN EARLY MAY, IF I HEARD HIM RIGHT) . HE SAID THERE WILL BE A MOVE TO SEAT DPRK AT WHO, AND SWEDEN WILL OF COURSE VOOST A VERY SMALL

DIVERSION OF FUNDS FROM FANK. FANK ITSELF MAY NOT CONSIDER THIS A DIVERSION AT ALL BECAUSE THE CEILING PLACED ON EFFECTIVES HAS LED COMMANDERS TO VIEW AUTO- DEFENSE AS A MEANS OF OBTAINING PART OF THE FIREPOWER THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY HOPED TO OBTAIN BY RECRUITING TERRITORIAL TROOPS.

1. THE KHMER HAVE FORMED LENA, GIVEN IT PART OF THE TIME OF TWO OF THE BEST MILITARY OFFICERS AVAILABLE AND BEGUN TO PLAN AND BUDGET FOR A GREATER COUNTRYSIDE EFFORT BECAUSE WE HAVE CLEARLY SIGNED THE IMPORTANCE WE PLACE ON SUCH PROGRAMS. THE LIMITED ASSISTANCE WE ARE GIVING AUTO- DEFENSE IS ONLY A PART, BUT AN ESSENTIAL PART, OF THIS SIGNAL. ALTHOUGH WE WOULD NOT WISH TO INFORM THE KHMER OF OUR INTENTIONS UNTIL WE HAVE SEEN THE PROGRAM DEVELOP FURTHER, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT WE BE PREPARED TO EXPAND OUR ASSISTANCE TO COVER 150 ADDITIONAL KHUMS DURING FY 1974 AS A FURTHER SIGN OF THE IMPORTANCE WE PLACE ON THIS EFFORT. WE DO NOT FAVOR EXPANSION OF THE NATURE OF OUR ASSISTANCE, HOWEVER.

12. WE BELIEVE DEFINING THE AUTO- DEFENSE PROGRAM SHOULD REMAIN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE POLITICAL- MILITARY SECTION OF THE EMBASSY NOT ONLY FOR THE REASONS I HAVE ALREADY SET FORTH IN PHNOM PENH 3462 JUNE 72 BUT BECAUSE THIS PROGRAM IS OUR ENTRY CARD TO THE LENA, WHICH IS A JOINT CIVIL- MILITARY GROUPING. WE BELIEVE THAT WE CAN BETTER PROMOTE THE CIVILIAN- MILITARY COOPERATION WE WISH TO SEE DEVELOP IN THE KHMER COUNTRYSIDE EFFORT IF THE CONTACTS ARE HANDLED LARGELY BY CIVILIAN MEMBERS OF THIS MISSION. MEDTC WILL, HOWEVER, HAVE AN IMPORTANT SAY IN THE PROGRAM AND , INDEED, THE FINAL SAY AS REGARDS DECISIONS ON PROGRAMMING OF EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDED BY THE POLITICAL- MILITARY SECTION. WE HAVE THUS FAR AVOIDED BUREAUCRATIC RIVALRIES WITHIN THIS MISSION AS REGARDS AUTO- DEFENSE AND BELIEVE THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENT NOT ONLY WORKABLE BUT HIGHLY PREFERABLE TO ANY OTHER.

13. STATE 224419 ASKED THAT WE SUBMIT OUR RECOMMENDATIONS ON AUTO- DEFENSE IN EARLY APRIL. ARE WE CORRECT IN ASSUMING FROM REFTEL THAT THESE RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD NOW NOT BE MADE PENDING RECEIPT OF A JOINT STATE- DDFENSE MESSAGE NEXT MONTH?

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